

Journal at Sea July 15th 1843

15th Saturday ^{on Japan} fair weather and fresh breezes steering by the wind the George and Susan in sight about 9 o'clock she hauled her wind and lowered her boats after it scold of sperm whales and took one while in sight of us but we could not get near enough to lower our boats at 10 o'clock raised another whale which went down and was not seen afterwards raised another scold towards night and lowered the boats after them but could not get any of them the George and Susan got two small whales

16th Sunday fair weather and light breezes steering by the wind the George and Susan in sight saw two or three finbacks in the course of the day and at night the captain of the George and Susan came on board of us

17th Monday squally with light breezes steering by the wind lost sight of the George and Susan about 9 o'clock towards noon the wind freshened and we had to double reef the topsails and take in the gib nothing in sight except finbacks

18th Tuesday squally with light breezes steering by the wind two sails in sight one to windward and the other to leeward nothing else in sight

19th Wednesday cloudy weather and fresh breezes steering by the wind saw something break to leeward but could not make out what it was in the afternoon spoke the L.C. Richmond of New Bedford 25 months out 1400 sperm

20th Thursday fair weather with squalls strong breezes steering by the wind it sail in sight to windward in the afternoon spoke the Japan of Nantucket in company with the ships L.C. of Nantucket and L.C. Richmond of N. Bedford the Japan had 1100 sperm 22 months out the L.C. 20 months out 500 sperm nothing in sight besides except of finback or two

21st Friday rough weather and strong breezes steering by the wind it sail in sight on the weather saw nothing else in sight except finbacks

22nd Saturday blowing a gale of wind fanning too under double reef maintop sail and foresail nothing in sight

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23rd Sunday rough weather ^{on Japan} and strong breezes steering by the wind under double reef topsails gib and foresail nothing in sight except two or three finbacks

24th Monday fair weather and fresh breezes steering by the wind it sail in sight passed to windward of us nothing in sight except finbacks

25th Tuesday fair weather and fresh breezes steering by the wind heading to the Eastward it sail in sight on our lee bow but nothing else except finbacks

26th Wednesday fair weather and light breezes steering by the wind heading to the Eastward two sails in sight one on our lee beam and the other at stern nothing else in sight except two or three finbacks

27th Thursday fair weather and light breezes steering by the wind saw a dead whale in the morning but it had been dead so long that it was good for nothing it sail in sight on our lee bow standing the same way as we in the afternoon we raised it scold of whales and the harbour boat fastened to one but the line parted when the whale was scolding and we lost her towards night there was 15 or 6 sails in sight

28th Thursday fair weather and light breezes steering by the wind three or four sails in sight in the afternoon spoke the barque Imperia of New Bedford 12 months out 700 barrels sperm nothing else in sight

29th Saturday fair weather and light breezes steering by the wind nothing in sight except two or three sails

30th Sunday rough gale stormy and blowing it gale ~~at ship~~ ship under double reef topsails and but in the afternoon took in foretop sail and foresail and close reefed the maintop sail nothing in sight except five sails one to windward and the other to leeward

31st Monday rough and stormy weather steering by the wind nothing in sight except two ships that passed us one of them trying out

Aug 1st Tuesday fair weather and fresh breezes steering by the wind nothing in sight Wednesday fair weather and light breezes steering East in the afternoon raised a scold of whales put the harbour boat fastened to one but it took the line and and we lost her